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Cat. No. 4550L Patent No. 1390199 BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Date first licensed __ 11-14-40

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Now Konsington-Tarentum, Pennsylvani
(4-3-57)
New Kensington, Pennsylvania(3-13-63)

Name of licensee X ALLEGHENY-KISKI BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location 0.97 mi.N.W. of center of New Kensington, East Deer Twp. Fo. (Mod. 9-10-40 Lic. 11-14-40

Main studio location 810 -5th Avenue, New Kensington, Pa. (Nr. 6-21-58)

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Exects 210 -5th Avenue, New Kensington, Pa. (Nr. 6-10-10), Lic.11-14-40

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

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Date first licensed	Call letters WKPA Station location
Name of licenseeSee Card #1	
Transmitter location	

Main studio location

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name ALLEGHENY-KISKI BROADCESTING CO. HTC.

P.O. 810 Fifth Ave., New Kensington, Pa. Action File No. Dated Application for Nature Date B2-P-2770 2-13-40 C.P for a new station to be operated on: GRANTED 6-25-40 Frequency - 1420-Rt 1120 kc. III-B. MIN. # 420. ower - 100-wette-500w Subj to site and Time - www.imiteddaytime antenna & T - to be determined, New Kensington, Pa. LETTER MRITTEN. Amenied to omit "INC" from applicant's name. 2-28-40 Amended Granted for 250 watts (Amendment returned 3-11-40, req of attorney) power only. RE: change requested frequency from 1420 to 3-9-40 Amended 1120 kc. power from 100w to 500w, hours from Issued with MF.Gr. unlimited to daytime only. Amend name of appli-9-10-40 cant by omitting "INC". Changes in equipment.

Newspaper affiliation - none

Call Letters WKPA

Name ALLECHENY KISKI HROADCASTING CO.

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Natur	e Date
B2-MP-1043 Rec'd	8-6-40 8-7-40	Mod of C.F.(B2-P-2770) requesting approval of antenna and make changes in transmitting equiment, and approval of studio site at 810 Fift Ave., Second Floor, New Kensington, Penna, and transmitter site at 0.97 mi. N.W. of center of New Kensington, East Deer Twp. Penna. Mr.Kendall filed application.	ip- th GRANTI	© °-10- 40
B2-L-1254 Rec'd	10-6-40 10-7-40	Licenseto cover C.P. (B2-P-2770) as modified, for a new station (Filed by John W. Kendall)	Granted	11-14-40
B2-Z-521 Rec'd	10-6-40 10-7-40	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. [Filed by John W. Kendall]	Granted	11-14-40

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APPLICATION RECORD—BROADCASTING

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Name ALLEGHANCY KISKI BROADCASTING CO.

FILE No.	DATED	APPLICATION FOR—		ACTION		
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B2-R-2000	2-12-41	Renewal of license	Granted 1150kc,	3-24-41 250w, D		
B2-R-2000	4-29-42	Renewal of license and Forms 335	Granted	6-9-42		
B2-R-2000 Recd. Resubmitted Rocd. Resubmitted	6-30-44 7-14-44 6-30-44 7-19-44 6-30-44 7-26-44	Renewal of license	not-attec	44 Exhibit- ed- (See, 14) 44 Exhibit -(Sec.): 10-23-44		
BR-2000 Rec'd Resub.	4-14-47 4-18-47 7-9-47	Renewal of license Program logs filed 6-2-47 One copy Of 303 & 303-A for signture	Granted Retid	8-21-47		

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Call Letters WKP

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BR-2000 Rec'd	2-27-50 3-1-50	Renewal of license	Grante	d 8-31-50
BTC-946 Rec'd Filed	5-15-50 5-18-50 5-18-50	Voluntary relinquishment of control of licensee corporation thru sale of 139 shares of common stock from Frank Recco to Meryl W. Cooper.	GRAUT	
BR-2000 Rec'd Filed	2-6-53 2-9-53 2-9-53	Renewal of license	GRANTED	4-8-53
BR-2000 Rec'd F <u>iled</u>	7-26-54 7-27-54 7-27-54	Renewal of License	GRANTED	9-8-54

Name

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters WKPA

ALLEGHENY-KISKI BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	ction Date
RP-9546 Res'd Filed	11-1-54 11-4-54 11-4-54	Construction permit to increase power from 250w to lkw; install a new transmitter (Gate BC-1F) and directional antenna (DA-D).	GRANTED After H	7-3-57 earing. n & Order issue
		Gautney & Jones, Engr.	Condition Phase Monorage Field Me	ns:
BML-1639 Rec'd Filed	8-25-55 9-6-55 9-6-55	Modification of license to change station location from New Kensington, Pa. to New Kensington- Tarentum, Pa. and establish a second main studio at 321-5th-ave., Tarentum, Pa.	GRANTED	4-3-57
AMENDED Rec'd Filed	5-14-56 5-16-56 5-16-56	Fisher, Wysland, Duvell and Southmayd, Attys. Gautney & Jones, Engr. AMENDED to change location of second main studio to National Bank Bldg, 331 E. Sixth Ave. Tarentum, Pa.		

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ALLEGHENY-KISKI BROADCASTING COMPANY Name

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BMP-7957 Rec'd Filed	11-19-57 11-21-57 12-12 -57	Modification of Construction permit(BP-9546 which authorized increase in power, install new transmitter and directional antenna (DA-D to change type transmitter to (RCA BTA-1MX).	GRANTED	12-31-57
BP-11,871 Rec'd Filed	3-5-58 3-6-58 3-6-58	Construction permit to replace expired construction permit BP-9546 as mod., which authorized increase in power, install new transmitter and directional antenna (DA-D) Atty's: Fisher, Wayland, Duvall and Southmayd.	GRANTED	3-12-58

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Name ALLEGHENY-KISKI BROADCASTING COMPANY

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Date
BP-11,963 Rec'd Filed	4-17-58 4-22-58 4-22-58	Construction permit to install old main transmitter (RCA 250-K) as an auxiliary transmitter at present location of main transmitter and to be operated on 1150kc, 250w, DA-D, for auxiliary purposes only.		5-12-58
		Atty's: Risher, Wayland, Duball and Southmay		
BL=7099 Rec'd Filed	4-17-58 4-18-58 4-18-58	License to cover construction permit BP-11,8716 as reinstated and mod., which authorized increase power, install new transmitter and directional antenna (DA-D). Atty's: Fisher, Wayland, Duvall and Southmay		7-2-58
		F.C.C WASHINGTON, D. C.	1	

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Name ALLWHENY-KISKI PROADCASTING COMPANY

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File No.	Dated	Application Co.	_	Action
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BL-7104 Rec'd Filed	4-25-58 5-6-58 5-6-58	License to cover construction permit (BP-11,9 which authorized install old main transmitter (RCA 250-K) as an auxiliary transmitter at present location of main transmitter and to be operated on 1150kc, 250w, DA-D for aux., purposes only (Contingent on grant of BP-11,963). Atty's: Fisher, Wayland, Duvall and Southmayd	63 GRANTEI	7-2-58
BR-2000				June-21,-1960 -
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BML-2017 Rec'd Filed	10-9-62 10-12-62 10-12-62	MAIN & AUXILIARY) Modification of License/to change station location from New Kensington-Tarentum, Pennsylvania to New Kensington, Pennsylvania and delete 2nd studio in Tarentum, Pa.	GRANTED	3-13-63
	3-26-63 3-27-63 NOW BE REPR	Renewal of license. (Main & Auxiliary) ESENTED BY ROBERT BENNETT LUBIC (PITTSBURGH, PA.		
BTC-4387 Rec'd Filed	9-25-63 9-27-63 9-27-63	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of licensee corporation by C. RUSSELL COOPER AND MERYL COOPER, JOINTLY, thru transfer of stock from C. Russell Cooper and Meryl Cooper (as a family group) Robert Bennett Lubic, Atty.	RANTED Eff:	11-27-63
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File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature	Date
BR-2000 R & F	4-20-66 4-27-66	Renewal of license (Main & Auxiliary) Atty - Alk and Lubic	GRANTEL	9-8-66
BL-11,742 Rec'd Filed PTA-9/1/67	2/3/67 2/7/67 9/3/67 196	Lic. to cover CP (BP-17,212) which auth. chn ant-system. Atty: R. B. Lubic Engr: Peter V. Gureckis, D.C.	GRANTED	3-13-68
BZ-6625 Rec'd Filed DM-1/29/68	2/14/67 2/16/67 9 /23 /67	Auth. to determine operating power by direct meas. of ant. power. (Aux.) Atty: Robt. B. Lubic Engr. P. V. Gureckis, D. C.	GRANTED	3-13-68
BRC-3193 R & F NOV 6 196	10-26-67 10-31-67	Modification of license to operate trans- mitter by remote control from 810 Fifth Ave., New Kensington, Pennsylvania. (Auxiliary) Atty.: Robert Bennett Lubic	GRANTED	11-6-67
		P.C.C WASHINSTON, D. C.		

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GATEWAY BROADCASTING ENTERPRISES, INC. Name NEW KENSINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA Action Nature Application for File No. Dated Date BR-2000 4-30-69 Renewal of license (Main & Auxiliary) R&F 5-2-69 Atty. - Alk and Lubic GRANTED 8-19-69 #511448 \$105 5-2-69 AMENDED 6-16-69 re: Engineering PRESSMAY AMENDED 8-1-69 re: Business interests & programming statement 3-1-72. By Commission Action. Ordered to Show Cause Why License Should not be REVOKED. 2-27-76. By Commission DECISION, ordered to Forfeit \$10,000 for Fraudulent billing, etc. in Revocation Proceedings, Docket No. 19452. BR-2000 4-27-72 Renewal of License (Main & Auxiliary) 5-3-72 R&F 5-3-72 Atty: David Tillotson (Arent, Fox, etc.) P.N. GRANTED 5-10-76 PRESS AMENDED 7-24-72 re: programming JUN 5 AMENDED 9-8-72 re: employment policy 197 SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION filed 3-31-75 as an amendment renewal (Main & Auxiliary) PN. 3-31-75 .26 APR 1975 to pending AMENDED 5-3-76 re: balance sheet F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

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FEE PD: \$250 #187807 CODE 053 (Form 316) Voluntary transfer of negative corp from Irving A. Wechsler, Age Shareholders of W. Liquidating Communication Statement To 1	ent for the EFF	: 4/8/	
ALSO SEE FM WYDD Irving A. Wechsler and John M. Wo		O FEE	70
MAY 3 1 1973 Atty - Miller, Schroeder &	Bankson		
The Comm. by Initial Decision of 2-14-74 fined station \$ 2-25-76, By DECISION, order Forfeiture of #10,000 for fined booket No. 19452, revocation prodeedings. Ltr from atty filed 4-2-76 - legal	raddulent billing,	lent biling , ect. in	g pra

P.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

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May 1976

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Call LettersW.K.P.A

Name GATEWAY BROADCASTING ENTERPRISES, INC.
NEW KENSINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Act Nature	1on
BTC-8382 R & F FORM 316 Also see WYI	6/21/77 6/29/77	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from Irwin S. Terner, Irving A. Wechsler and John M. Wolf, Trustees; Nelson L. Goldberg, Herbert Goldberg, et al(all stockholders) to Mass Communications and Management, Ltd. Atty - Arent, Fox, etc(David Tillotson)	GRANTED EFF:	7/22/77 9/7/77
BR-2000 R & F	3-23-78 3-31-78	Renewal of license (Main & Auxiliary) Atty- Alan Auckenthaler(Arent, Fox et al)	KANTED 7	-12-78
PN	APR 2 4 19	AMENDED 6-24-80 re: programming		-12-78

BTC-8382 - After TC gr there will only be four stockholders in the parent corp.

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Name: GATEWAY BROADCASTING ENTERPRISES, INC.

Station Location: NEW KENSINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA

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W K P A - RECORD OF DENIAL OF INFORMAL APPLICATIONS

- B2-S-2000 12-11-41 To remain on the air from sign-off time (5 p.m., EST, Dec.) to 11:30 p.m., EST, 12-15-41, only, in order to b/c Pres.Roosevelts address on the Bill of Rights Anniversary, including transcriptions of same in Polish and Italian.
- B2-S-2000 5-27-42 To oper. from 8:30 pm, EST, 5-29-42 to 12:30 am, EST, 5-30-42, in order to carry Special War Bond Program.
- 10-31-56 Wire Requesting authority to operate Tues. night 11-6-56 for election returns

About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file. History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form – 3" by 5" filing cards – for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12th Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). The History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above. Generally, they have been left as negatives as those are often easier to read.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.

